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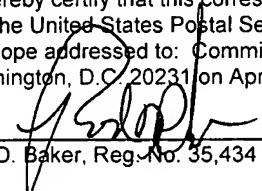
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas M. Weber, et al.
Serial No. 10/040,684
Filed: January 4, 2002
For: OPTICAL PROBE FOR DETERMINING THE
FAT/LEAN INTERFACE IN CUTS OF MEAT

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) mailed February 11, 2002, enclosed are the following items for filing in the above-referenced U.S. patent application:

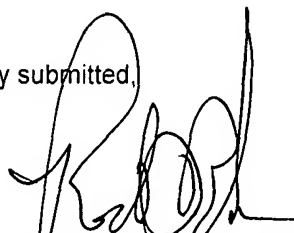
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Please note the full names of certain inventors: Michael A. Kuehl and Barry L. Spletzer. A corrected filing receipt showing full names is requested. A marked up copy of the current filing receipt is attached showing the corrections requested.

Having now complied with all of the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.53, Applicants respectfully request that this application be placed in line for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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